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SUBJECT: NEW PRESIDENT OF INTI

1. GOA HAS APPOINTED LICENCIADO EDUARDO PACIO AMADEO AS NEW PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE (INTI) SUCCEEDING INTERIM HEAD REYNALDO UBERTALLI.

2. AMADEO IS 28 YEARS OLD, MARRIED, AND HAS ONE CHILD. HE RECEIVED HIS LICENCIADO DEGREE IN ECONOMICS FROM ARGENTINE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN 1970. HE HAS STUDIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY IN ENGLAND. HE HAS WORKED ON THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE OLD NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL, CONACYT. HE HAS REPORTEDLY PUBLISHED BOOKS AND ARTICLES ON HIS SPECIALITY. AMADEO HAS WORKED IN THE ECONOMY MINISTRY ON DEVELOPMENT MATTERS E.G. HANDLING OF UNDP PROJECTS FOR ARGENTINA. HE HAS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN OAS MEETINGS RELATIVE TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, INCLUDING 1972 CACTAL CONFERENCE IN BRASILIA. HE HAS ALSO BEEN INVOLVED IN AT LEAST ONE UNCTAD MEETING, THOUGH NOT RECENTLY.

3. S&T COUNSELOR AND ECOM OFFICER CALLED ON AMADEO ON HIS 3RD DAY AT INTI. WE WERE RECEIVED IN MOST FRIENDLY MANNER. SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS REPORTED SEPTEL. AMADEO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FUTURE COLLABORATION AS FEASIBLE IN SENSE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRAINING OF INTI PERSONNEL.

4. COMMENT: WHILE INITIAL INDICATION IS THAT AMADEO WILL PROVE TO BE APPROACHABLE AND EASY TO WORK WITH, WE ARE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS THAT ON KEY ISSUE OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER HE WILL PROVE VERY FORTHCOMING. AMADEO APPEARS TO FULLY ENDORSE CONCEPT OF ARGENTINE (AND OTHER) TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER LAWS (E.G. ANDEAN PACT) AND SEEMS TO SINCERELY BELIEVE IN SUCH 3RD WORLD ANTI-MNC PRINCIPLES AS WERE EXPRESSED IN MAJORITY CONCLUSIONS OF CACTAL AND IN SOME UNCTAD MEETINGS. HE SEEMS UNAWARE OF RECENT MOVEMENTS IN UNCTAD AND OTHER FORA TOWARD RECONCILIATION OF DC-LDC DIFFERENCES. WHETHER (ASSUMING HE IS IN POSITION LONG ENOUGH, WHICH NEVER CERTAIN IN ARGENTINA) OVER TIME HE WILL MOVET TOWARD MORE PRAGMATIC APPROACH AS RESULT OF OVERRIDING ECONOMIC NEEDS OF COUNTRY FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND LATEST TECHNOLOGY SO AS TO FOSTER EXPORT DEVELOPMENT, REMAINS TO BE ESTABLISHED. WE TRIED TO PLANT SUGGESTION ALONG THIS LINE, BUT DOUBT WE MADE AN INSTANT CONVERT.
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